

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the Drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action. In response thereto, Applicants submit new proposed FIGURES 1 and 2 to replace the existing figures. New proposed FIGURE 1 shows the implant with pores and the textile strengthening elements and proposed FIGURE 2 is an illustration of the flexibility test referred to in the specification. Approval of the proposed drawings is requested.

Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1. As a result of this amendment, claim 2 has been canceled from the application and the dependency of claim 3 has been amended. No new matter has been incorporated into the application as a result of the amendment made herein to the claims.

The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action that claims 2, 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. As discussed above, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1, and have amended claim 3 to depend from newly amended claim 1. As amended, all pending claims depend from claim 1, which is now in condition for allowance.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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